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Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report (A/47/3 and Add.1) 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/47/1).

2. In the context of item 12, the Second Committee considered the following questions referred by the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly that did not fall within the purview of items specifically allocated to the Second Committee:

(a) International cooperation in tax matters;

(b) Transnational corporations;

(c) International Conference on Population and Development;

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in two parts (see also A/47/717/Add.1).

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(d) Consumer protection;

(e) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(f) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;

(g) Public administration and finance;

(h) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000;

(i) Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia.

3. The Committee considered the item at its 34th to 37th, 40th, 42nd, 43rd, 45th, 46th _____ meetings, on 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 24, 25 _____ November. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/47/SR.34-37). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 5 to 8 October (see A/C.2/47/SR.3-9).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1992 (A/47/3); 1/

(b) Letter dated 30 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Colombo Declaration issued at the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, held at Colombo, on 21 December 1991 (A/47/82-S/23512);

(c) Letter dated 3 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/83);

(d) Letter dated 23 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/132);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia and Pacific region (A/47/184-E/1992/44);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/47/212-E/1992/54);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/47/222-E/1992/57 and Corr.1);

(h) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the representatives of Indonesia and Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General enclosing the press communiqué issued at the conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held at Bali, Indonesia, from 14 to 16 May 1992 (A/47/225-S/23998);

(i) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Poland and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting information concerning the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness, Friendly Relations and Cooperation of 18 May 1992 between Poland and Ukraine (A/47/267);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s (A/47/278-E/1992/77);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on the unification of Yemen: support of the international community for its economic and social infrastructure: assistance to Yemen (A/47/283-E/1992/83);

(l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS (A/47/289-E/1992/68);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan (A/47/294-E/1992/84);

(n) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/47/338);

(o) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the Munich Economic Summit, held from 6 to 8 July 1992 (A/47/375-S/24429);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the evolution of East-West relations on global growth and development (A/47/403);

(q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1991 (A/47/407);

(r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (A/47/408);

(s) Letter dated 25 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/411);

(t) Note by the Secretary-General regarding resolution 5.6 of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, entitled "Consultations with the United Nations with a view to declaring 1995 United Nations year for tolerance" (A/47/445);

(u) Note by the Secretary-General submitting the report of the President of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the outcome of consultations aimed at achieving an agreement on a code of conduct for transnational corporations (A/47/446);

(v) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77, adopted on 1 October 1992 on the occasion of their sixteenth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York (A/47/499);

(w) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the position papers submitted by delegations or groups of delegations to the ad hoc open-ended working group of the Economic and Social Council on enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations, as well as the compendium of position papers prepared by the Secretariat (A/47/627);

(x) Note by the Secretariat on implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (A/C.2/47/L.2);

(y) Note by the Secretariat transmitting to the General Assembly Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/58, entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people" (A/C.2/47/L.5).

5. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Development and the Acting Director of the World Health Organization's Office at the United Nations in New York. The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a statement in her capacity as Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994 (see A/C.2/47/SR.34).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/47/L.54

6. At the 46th meeting, on 25 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Miss Maymouna Diop (Senegal), introduced a draft resolution, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)" (A/C.2/47/L.54).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.54, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/203 of 20 December 1991, previous resolutions of the General Assembly and relevant resolutions of other organizations of the United Nations system,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); 2/

2. Endorses the action taken by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1992/33 of 30 July 1992 on prevention and control of AIDS;

[3. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with all other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly, at its forty-eighth session and biennially thereafter, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS.]

2/ A/47/289-E/1992/68, annex.